

was confirmed by the New Hampshire Governor and Executive Council as a board member of the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families, and was elected chair of the board in the mid-1980s.

Dean Pike's service to the Granite State has extended far beyond the University. He has served as a parochial school board member, mediator for a youth diversion program, member of his local recreation commission, youth sports coach, and as a commissioner for the Dover Housing Authority. In 1986, Pike was aptly awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Extension Agents Association.

I congratulate Dean Pike for his distinguished career and thank him for his dedication to serving the people of New Hampshire. Dean Pike's service to the University, the Cooperative Extension, and our state has impacted generations of New Hampshire leaders and his legacy will continue to inspire Granite Staters for years to come.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 29, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Chair, Congresswoman ESTY has introduced a common sense amendment to inhibit gun trafficking along the Southwest Border.

Her amendment seeks to strike Section 539, which prohibits the necessary funding required for federally licensed firearms dealers to report to DOJ when they sell multiple rifles or shotguns to the same person. This requirement applies to dealers in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas due to their proximity to Mexico. Nearly 80% of Mexico's illegal firearms are imported illegally from the U.S.

Gun traffickers frequently buy multiple guns at one time and then resell them to prohibited persons. Section 539 blocks ATF's ability to track the bulk buying of assault rifles in those border states.

Eliminating this key reporting requirement opens the door wide for criminals, and those who would normally not pass a background check, to obtain a gun. Each year nearly 12,000 gun murders are committed by people who have no legal right to a gun. I applaud Congresswoman ESTY for introducing the amendment to strike the language, thus curbing gun trafficking and allowing ATF to properly do its job.

We need to strike negative gun riders from CJS legislation, like section 539. I lend my support to this amendment and to Congresswoman ESTY and I hope you do, as well.

HONORING MARK SHANKER

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship have played a major role in our communities, offering solace, support, and moral guidance to those in need, thanks to the selfless efforts of members like Mark Shinker.

For over 20 years, Mark has volunteered his time and talent to Temple Israel of New Rochelle to make it a more meaningful place of worship, education and friendship. His service to Temple Israel is truly inspiring. A member of the Board of Trustees, Mark also serves as the Youth Advisor Chair, Brotherhood President, and is a religious school teacher. He has served on numerous committees including clergy searches and clergy transitions.

Mark is perhaps best known for his leadership roles with children's programming, such as the Purim Carnivals, wacky game days and other events. He's also organized several programs and events that benefit both the congregation and the broader community, such as trips to Sammy's and Christmas at the Temple, all of which has earned Mark the affectionate name, "Temple Camp Counselor."

A long-time New Rochelle resident, Mark is an accountant and partner in the accounting firm Shinker & Shinker. Mark and his wife Phyllis are blessed with two children, Stephanie and Barry.

I am pleased to acknowledge Mark Shinker for his many contributions to Temple Israel of New Rochelle. It is a pleasure to celebrate a man who has made a big difference in the Jewish community, as well as greater New Rochelle.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF AKIVA  
HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark a significant milestone in the history of Akiva Hebrew Day School in Southfield, Michigan—the school's 50th Anniversary of providing education to Greater Detroit's Jewish community.

Founded in 1964, Akiva was created by a dedicated group of educators who sought to provide the Jewish community in Metropolitan Detroit with a school that provided its students with a comprehensive academic curriculum, while deepening their connection to their faith and heritage. Today, Akiva offers an outstanding academic program for children from nursery school through high school, while providing complementary curricula that foster a love for their Jewish heritage, the State of Israel, and a deep commitment to a way of life that values the lessons of the Torah.

To support the ability of its students to achieve their maximum intellectual potential, Akiva provides them with a core academic curriculum that promotes the development of critical thinking and effective studying skills. Among the course offerings for students are

an array of Advanced Placement level classes, as well as courses that support preparing them for higher education.

As part of this commitment to its students' education, Akiva is constantly revising and fine-tuning its programming at all phases in its students' development. Under the leadership of Rabbi Tzvi Klugerman, Akiva has recently made changes to its kindergarten reading program to promote both bilingualism and improved phonics skills during the earliest stages of development. Additionally, Akiva has implemented the ROAR program in its elementary school, to reinforce positive learning strategies among its students early in their academic careers. In its middle school, Akiva is providing an enhanced math program, and, in its high school, Akiva has added more Advanced Placement courses.

As a significant component of its curriculum, Akiva provides its students with a strong coursework of Judaic studies, which promotes the students' connection to their cultural heritage, faith, and the community—both locally and globally. Through a strong connection to their culture, Akiva students continue to take an active role in fostering the unique relationship between the United States and Israel, with many graduated students spending a year in Israel after high school. By practicing the tenants of their faith, Akiva students have supported a number of local non-profit organizations, like the Yad Ezra food pantry, the Friendship Circle and Yachad, which assist those who are experiencing moments of challenge in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, again, it is my pleasure to rise and recognize the outstanding leaders, educators and students of Akiva Hebrew Day School as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this great educational institution. Akiva programs are providing its students with a broad array of experiences both inside and outside the classroom which are preparing them to be future leaders, as well as supporting the special connection between the United States and Israel. It has been my pleasure to be partner with Akiva and to interact with its students. I look forward to the incredible impact that Akiva will continue to make as its faculty and staff guide future generations in their development.

RECOGNIZING THE MOUNT WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY ON THE  
OPENING OF THE EXTREME  
MOUNT WASHINGTON MUSEUM

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Hampshire's Mount Washington Observatory and its new Extreme Mount Washington Museum. The Mount Washington Observatory first established the observation center on the summit of Mount Washington in 1870 and operated there until 1892. This effort marked the first time a scientific observation center was located on the summit of a mountain. The observatory was re-opened in 1932 when a group of enthusiastic individuals recognized the value of collecting scientific data at the summit. This re-emergence came just in time, because in